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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri employment and unemployment both increased in June. The state's unemployment rate increased half a percentage point to 5.1 percent after having dropped every month since January. The number of jobless Missourians increased by 14,300 from May to 133,500. Part of this increase is seasonal. Unemployment increases each summer as students, new graduates, and other jobseekers (some of whom are only seeking summer work) do not immediately find jobs. This June's increase was larger than the seasonally-expected increase. Unemployment is still well below the year-earlier level, however; in June 1987 the rate was 6.1 percent.

Although the June increase in unemployment was larger than seasonally expected, so was the gain in total employment. About 2,479,300 Missourians were working in June, 13,900 more than in May. After lagging earlier this year, total employment growth is now showing a more normal pattern. The figure of June is 39,100 higher than in June 1987. Further, the labor force is now larger than it was a year ago; in the five previous months of this year, the labor force was showing over-the-year decreases.

Total nonfarm payroll increased by only 2700 jobs between May and June. In a fairly unusual event, the gain was accounted for by the manufacturing industries, where small increases in a number of industries led to a net gain of 2600 jobs. In the nonmanufacturing sector, seasonal gains in services (2500 jobs) and construction and retail trade (2400 jobs each), plus smaller gains in other industries were offset by the usual seasonal decrease in state and local government with the closing of schools for the summer (9100 jobs).

Over the past year, the number of payroll jobs has increased by 35,700. State and local government leads the list with a gain of 16,200 jobs, followed by services (14,500) and retail trade (8900). Manufacturing employment decreased by 3100 jobs, but this was the result of the decrease of 8500 in the motor vehicles and equipment industry. A number of other manufacturing industries showed small gains over the year.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National employment increased and unemployment dropped in June. The unemployment rate, which had edged up in May, decreased by three-tenths of a point to 5.3 percent, seasonally adjusted. (The not-seasonally-adjusted rate,

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Table 1

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JUN 1988 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - MAY 1988 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JUN 1987 (BENCHMARKED 1988)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	123028	116209	6819	5.5	120775	114222	6553	5.4	121153	113498	7655	6.3
STATEWIDE	2612806	2479283	133523	5.1	2584566	2465376	119190	4.6	2598327	2440210	158117	6.1
ST. LOUIS MSA	1201292	1201837	79455	6.2	1265398	1193498	71900	5.7	1282218	1191468	90750	7.1
KANSAS CITY MSA	842071	802417	39654	4.7	835319	799465	35854	4.3	840534	791931	48603	5.8
SPRINGFIELD MSA	121316	116879	4437	3.7	123642	119403	4239	3.4	119842	114187	5655	4.7
COLUMBIA MSA	64850	63103	1747	2.7	65788	64097	1691	2.6	63585	61607	1978	3.1
JOPLIN MSA	70767	67154	3633	5.1	69922	67081	2841	4.1	69085	65399	3686	5.3
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42159	39911	2248	5.3	41703	39624	2079	5.0	41751	38837	2914	7.0
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13238	12771	467	3.5	13068	12658	410	3.1	12841	12288	553	4.3
ANDREW	6895	6548	347	5.0	6861	6569	292	4.3	6897	6499	398	5.8
ATCHISON	3270	3161	109	3.3	3216	3138	78	2.4	3231	3127	104	3.2
AUDRAIN	10424	10027	397	3.8	10273	9897	376	3.7	10635	9938	697	6.6
BARRY	12079	11588	491	4.1	11944	11458	486	4.1	11997	11403	594	5.0
BARTON	5926	5724	202	3.4	5714	5596	118	2.1	5450	5273	177	3.2
BATES	6574	6031	543	8.3	6370	5895	475	7.5	6687	6170	517	7.7
BENTON	5310	5001	309	5.8	5299	5012	287	5.4	5515	5182	333	6.0
BOLLINGER	3282	3019	263	8.0	3327	3058	269	8.1	3182	2947	235	7.4
BUTLER	16461	15334	1127	6.8	16360	15292	1068	6.5	16751	15370	1381	8.2
CALDWELL	3089	2914	175	5.7	3076	2905	171	5.6	3148	2978	170	5.4
CALLAWAY	15002	14290	712	4.7	14977	14345	632	4.2	13713	12876	837	6.1
CAMDEN	17040	16448	592	3.5	16120	15596	524	3.3	16284	15636	648	4.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU	36803	35399	1404	3.8	36308	35058	1250	3.5	34772	33360	1412	4.1
CARROLL	4780	4373	415	8.7	4760	4393	367	7.7	4802	4384	418	8.7
CARTER	2116	1947	169	8.0	2152	2001	151	7.0	2192	1940	252	11.5
CEDAR	4494	4201	293	6.5	4402	4140	262	6.0	4857	4507	350	7.2
CHARITON	4200	4049	151	3.6	4189	4025	164	3.9	4264	4050	214	5.0
CLARK	3566	3418	148	4.2	3534	3388	146	4.1	3669	3431	238	6.5
CLINTON	6790	6411	379	5.6	6644	6336	308	4.6	7080	6619	461	6.5
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40378	38765	1613	4.0	40028	38646	1382	3.5	39074	37983	1891	4.7
COOPER	6401	6165	236	3.7	6335	6106	229	3.6	6613	6292	321	4.9
CRAWFORD	9159	8640	519	5.7	9048	8522	526	5.8	9001	8445	556	6.2
DADE	2790	2677	113	4.1	2765	2640	125	4.5	2791	2670	121	4.3
DALLAS	3643	3351	292	8.0	3503	3260	243	6.9	3770	3505	265	7.0
DAVIESS	3893	3733	160	4.1	3830	3693	137	3.6	3716	3590	126	3.4
DEKALB	3811	3635	176	4.6	3769	3623	146	3.9	3587	3414	173	4.8
DENT	6929	6483	446	6.4	6620	6269	351	5.3	6457	5991	466	7.2
DOUGLAS	4839	4532	307	6.3	4808	4603	205	5.8	4979	4530	449	9.0
DUNKLIN	12658	11775	883	7.0	12328	11570	758	6.1	13185	12010	1175	8.9
GASCONADE	7452	7081	371	5.0	7396	7106	290	3.9	7193	6822	371	5.2
GENTRY	2724	2622	102	3.7	2684	2572	112	4.2	2945	2719	226	7.7
GRUNDY	5368	5161	207	3.9	5351	5126	225	4.2	5163	4889	274	5.3
HARRISON	4420	4244	176	4.0	4293	4136	157	3.7	4467	4271	196	4.4
HENRY	7719	7185	534	6.9	7431	6931	500	6.7	8346	7610	736	8.8
HICKORY	2717	2568	149	5.5	2800	2661	139	5.0	2540	2390	150	5.9
HOLT	2405	2299	106	4.4	2312	2227	85	3.7	2441	2315	126	5.2
HOWARD	4667	4483	184	3.9	4740	4554	186	3.9	4731	4491	240	5.1
HOWELL	13679	12884	795	5.8	13582	12881	701	5.2	13275	12326	949	7.1
IRON	2380	2059	321	13.5	2362	2084	278	11.8	2624	2262	362	13.8
JOHNSON	19048	18417	631	3.3	19452	18780	672	3.5	17887	17118	769	4.3
KNOX	1941	1870	71	3.7	1894	1811	83	4.4	1995	1913	82	4.1
LACLEDE	13946	13239	707	5.1	13475	12883	592	4.4	13241	12505	736	5.6
LAWRENCE	13058	12438	620	4.7	13093	12567	526	4.0	13392	12598	794	5.9
LEWIS	4942	4712	230	4.7	4759	4533	226	4.7	5141	4821	320	6.2

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LINCOLN	12250	11503	747	6.1	12132	11440	692	5.7	11386	10731	655	5.8
LINN	6895	6580	315	4.6	6773	6565	208	3.1	6795	6477	318	4.7
LIVINGSTON	6591	6349	242	3.7	6580	6344	236	3.6	6576	6200	376	5.7
MACON	7988	7660	328	4.1	7781	7481	300	3.9	8188	7768	420	5.1
MADISON	4687	4407	280	6.0	4650	4439	211	4.5	4580	4236	344	7.5
MARIES	3450	3257	193	5.6	3512	3326	186	5.3	3754	3460	294	7.8
MARION/RALLS LMA	18766	17990	776	4.1	18174	17398	776	4.3	18670	17410	1260	6.7
MCDONALD	8291	7877	414	5.0	7858	7554	304	3.9	7865	7397	468	6.0
MERCER	1590	1535	55	3.5	1544	1490	54	3.5	1570	1504	66	4.2
MILLER	8949	8424	525	5.9	8628	8107	521	6.0	9487	8830	657	6.9
MISSISSIPPI	6527	6056	471	7.2	6508	6093	415	6.4	6543	5965	578	8.8
MONITEAU	6496	6250	246	3.8	6122	5901	221	3.6	6223	5941	282	4.5
MONROE	4849	4624	225	4.6	4861	4647	214	4.4	4859	4640	219	4.5
MONTGOMERY	5006	4761	245	4.9	5031	4805	226	4.5	4942	4690	252	5.1
MORGAN	7819	7510	309	4.0	7575	7293	282	3.7	7774	7371	403	5.2
NEW MADRID	9276	8622	654	7.1	9076	8559	517	5.7	9472	8736	736	7.8
NODAWAY	10012	9741	271	2.7	10559	10197	362	3.4	9752	9500	252	2.6
OREGON	3830	3526	304	7.9	3938	3699	239	6.1	3606	3339	267	7.4
OZARK	3463	3195	268	7.7	3500	3217	283	8.1	3521	3296	225	6.4
PEMISCOT	8891	8248	643	7.2	8569	8064	505	5.9	8747	8177	570	6.5
PERRY	8450	7916	534	6.3	8176	7677	499	6.1	8159	7826	333	4.1
PETTIS	17711	16732	979	5.5	17307	16484	823	4.8	17847	16699	1148	6.4
PHELPS	16704	15997	707	4.2	17112	16395	717	4.2	16472	15530	942	5.7
PIKE	7195	6794	401	5.6	6958	6584	374	5.4	7324	6807	517	7.1
POLK	9694	9191	503	5.2	9602	9228	374	3.9	9286	8794	492	5.3
PULASKI	13278	12592	686	5.2	12935	12313	622	4.8	12558	11930	628	5.0
PUTNAM	2157	2052	105	4.9	2134	2045	89	4.2	2171	2084	87	4.0
RANDOLPH	11534	10939	595	5.2	11526	10993	533	4.6	11576	10970	606	5.2
REYNOLDS	1821	1596	225	12.4	1780	1568	212	11.9	1981	1673	308	15.5
RIPLEY	4144	3825	319	7.7	3982	3726	256	6.4	4094	3672	422	10.3
SALINE	11760	11301	459	3.9	11535	11164	371	3.2	11808	11252	556	4.7
SCOTLAND	2311	2235	76	3.3	2266	2205	61	2.7	2276	2198	78	3.4
SCOTT	18107	16927	1180	6.5	17856	16846	1010	5.7	17843	16618	1225	6.9
SHANNON	2780	2436	344	12.4	2721	2510	211	7.8	3191	2732	459	14.4
SHELBY	3847	3733	114	3.0	3710	3636	74	2.0	3611	3540	71	2.0
ST. CLAIR	3408	3203	205	6.0	3210	3020	190	5.9	3597	3371	226	6.3
ST. FRANCOIS	21184	19651	1533	7.2	21267	19865	1402	6.6	20080	18430	1650	8.2
STE. GENEVIEVE	7090	6661	429	6.1	6872	6548	324	4.7	7293	6756	537	7.4
STODDARD	12152	11317	835	6.9	12065	11354	711	5.9	12397	11382	1015	8.2
STONE	9735	9264	471	4.8	9349	8825	524	5.6	9453	8842	611	6.5
SULLIVAN	3444	3327	117	3.4	3454	3342	112	3.2	3310	3213	97	2.9
TANEY	18245	17541	704	3.9	16906	16159	747	4.4	17775	17039	736	4.1
TEXAS	9522	8871	651	6.8	9192	8641	551	6.0	9255	8627	628	6.8
VERNON	9898	9544	354	3.6	9892	9585	307	3.1	9429	9038	391	4.1
WARREN	10742	10094	648	6.0	10509	9942	567	5.4	9911	9358	553	5.6
WASHINGTON	5934	5128	806	13.6	5973	5180	793	13.3	6123	4900	1223	20.0
WAYNE	4665	4261	404	8.7	4694	4352	342	7.3	4632	4217	415	9.0
WEBSTER	9691	9014	677	7.0	9356	8803	553	5.9	9195	8453	742	8.1
WORTH	1201	1154	47	3.9	1165	1116	49	4.2	1181	1103	78	6.6
WRIGHT	7149	6679	470	6.6	6964	6645	319	4.6	6877	6402	475	6.9

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
June, 1988

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2232.6	2229.9	2196.9									
Total Manufacturing	422.1	419.5	425.2	415.33	412.49	407.00	41.0	40.8	40.7	10.13	10.11	10.00
Durable Goods	238.0	236.3	242.3	461.31	457.80	448.52	42.4	42.0	41.3	10.88	10.90	10.86
Lumber & Wood Products	11.1	11.1	10.9	267.71	253.11	251.52	40.5	39.0	39.3	6.61	6.49	6.40
Furniture & Fixtures	11.5	11.5	11.4	312.76	303.02	366.28	40.2	38.7	45.5	7.78	7.83	8.05
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.2	11.1	11.1	510.08	501.51	521.34	45.3	43.8	46.3	11.26	11.45	11.26
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	0.9	1.0	502.98	509.68	534.67	38.9	38.7	38.3	12.93	13.17	13.96
Structural Clay Prod.	2.0	2.0	1.8	485.47	480.36	447.25	41.6	40.4	36.6	11.67	11.89	12.22
Primary Metal Industries	12.3	12.1	12.4	465.48	456.96	451.66	43.3	42.0	40.8	10.75	10.88	11.07
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.8	1.7	1.4	452.47	448.64	411.01	44.1	43.6	41.6	10.26	10.29	9.88
Nonferrous Foundries	3.6	3.5	3.3	365.94	351.48	331.70	45.8	44.1	40.6	7.99	7.97	8.17
Fabricated Metal Products	27.9	28.0	28.0	430.76	420.86	430.95	41.7	41.1	41.2	10.33	10.24	10.46
Structural Metal Prod.	11.0	10.9	10.9	425.96	417.06	423.85	42.3	42.0	41.8	10.07	9.93	10.14
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.0	30.5	30.1	453.77	433.24	415.83	43.8	42.6	41.5	10.36	10.17	10.02
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.5	46.4	46.3	418.35	408.29	383.67	42.3	41.2	40.6	9.89	9.91	9.45
Transportation Equipment	67.4	66.6	73.6	625.18	646.80	594.91	42.5	44.0	41.0	14.71	14.70	14.51
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	26.4	26.4	34.9	667.72	706.98	603.08	43.9	46.1	40.4	15.21	15.32	14.95
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.7	11.7	11.4	332.00	323.21	304.96	41.5	40.3	39.4	8.00	8.02	7.74
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.4	7.3	7.1	280.02	283.45	269.10	40.7	41.5	39.4	6.88	6.83	6.83
Nondurable Goods	184.1	183.2	182.9	358.81	356.96	352.40	39.3	39.4	40.0	9.13	9.06	8.81
Food & Kindred Products	44.3	44.2	45.9	426.62	423.39	431.46	40.4	40.4	42.3	10.56	10.48	10.20
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.2	13.3	13.4	296.06	301.79	289.84	39.9	40.4	40.2	7.42	7.47	7.21
Dairy Products	5.5	5.5	5.9	454.41	438.20	474.11	40.5	39.3	45.5	11.22	11.15	10.42
Grain Mill Products	7.7	7.6	7.3	480.70	481.60	461.72	43.9	44.8	43.6	10.95	10.75	10.59
Bakery Products	4.3	4.2	5.1	393.77	381.92	434.52	35.7	34.5	40.8	11.03	11.07	10.65
Beverages	9.4	9.5	9.8	744.79	716.97	752.14	40.9	39.2	44.4	18.21	18.29	16.94

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.2	4.1	4.4	374.87	377.86	398.16	37.6	38.4	42.0	9.97	9.84	9.48
Textile & Apparel	24.5	24.4	24.2	205.22	210.60	202.99	35.2	36.0	35.8	5.85	5.85	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	13.5	13.4	13.3	424.89	404.70	416.63	43.4	42.2	42.6	9.79	9.59	9.78
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.4	6.4	6.4	422.40	408.07	431.65	44.0	43.0	44.5	9.60	9.49	9.70
Printing & Publishing	41.8	41.7	41.0	386.08	385.30	373.23	38.0	38.3	37.7	10.16	10.06	9.90
Commercial Printing	14.0	14.3	14.0	462.44	464.82	436.57	41.4	41.8	40.2	11.17	11.12	10.86
Chemicals & Allied	29.3	28.9	28.1	489.94	494.16	473.05	42.2	42.6	41.9	11.61	11.60	11.29
Leather & Leather Products	16.3	16.3	16.5	214.18	213.81	218.96	36.8	36.8	39.1	5.82	5.81	5.60
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.6	12.7	13.1	202.03	201.48	208.26	36.8	36.7	39.0	5.49	5.49	5.34
Total Nonmanufacturing	1810.5	1810.4	1771.7									
Mining	5.7	5.5	5.7									
Construction	103.3	100.9	102.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.0	144.3	143.5									
Railroad Transportation	9.6	9.6	9.8									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	78.1	78.7	77.8									
Communications	56.3	56.0	55.9									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	555.0	551.8	543.3									
Wholesale Trade	139.1	138.3	136.3									
Retail Trade	415.9	413.5	407.0									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	137.2	136.0	136.4									
Services	518.7	516.2	508.5									
Government	346.6	355.7	332.1									
Federal Government	71.0	71.0	72.7									
State & Local Government	275.6	284.7	250.4									

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which is more comparable to the published Missouri rate, was 5.5 percent.)

Total civilian employment jumped by more than 800,000 in June, more than offsetting the 500 decreas.. reported in May. Seasonal adjustment of labor force data is often difficult in the summer months, because of variations in the time summer jobseekers enter the labor force and differences in the exact timing of the survey week. Erratic movements in the data are thus not uncommon.

Payroll employment increased by 345,000 in June. Manufacturing employment increased by 45,000, while service and retail trade were up by 160,000 and 75,000, respectively.

Over the past year, total civilian employment has increased by 2.7 million (2.4 percent), while nonfarm payroll employment grew by nearly 3.8 million (3.7 percent).

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — June, 1988

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,612,800	2,584,600	2,598,300	28,200	14,500
Total Employment	2,479,300	2,465,400	2,440,200	13,900	39,100
Total Unemployment	133,500	119,200	158,100	14,300	24,600
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.1	4.6	6.1	0.5	1.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,232,600	2,229,900	2,196,900	2,700	35,700
Manufacturing	422,100	419,500	425,200	2,600	-3,100
Durable Goods	238,000	236,300	242,300	1,700	-4,300
Nondurable Goods	184,100	183,200	182,900	900	1,200
Nonmanufacturing	1,810,500	1,810,400	1,771,700	100	38,800
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	6,633	5,320	7,731	1,313	-1,098
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	41,006	35,206	41,867	5,800	-861
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.8	1.9	2.2	-0.1	-0.4
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,654	2,819	3,105	835	549
Amount of Benefits Paid	$18,778,937	$16,308,387	$16,877,969	$2,470,550	$1,900,968
State U.I.	18,327,513	15,960,943	16,578,272	2,366,570	1,749,241
UCFE	206,305	171,004	135,320	35,301	70,985
UCX	245,111	176,440	164,377	68,671	80,734

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

June, 1988

Franciena King, Analyst

After record breaking lows for the last three consecutive months, the unemployment rate for the Kansas City Metropolitan Area rose sharply to 4.7 percent during the month of June 1988. Additional layoffs in Motor Vehicle Manufacturing and seasonal losses in school related industries exaggerated the normal rise in the unemployment rate that occurs during June. Not since March, April and May of 1979 when the rate averaged about 3.7 percent had the unemployment rate fallen as low as it was during those same months of 1988 when the average rate was 4.4 percent. The low unemployment rate of 4.3 percent of the last two months was particularly striking in light of the recent severe losses in Primary Metals and Motor Vehicle Equipment Manufacturing. It appears that the four tenths of a percentage rise in the unemployment rate from May to June 1988 is the delayed effect of these layoffs on the labor market. The total number of jobless workers rose to 39,700, an increase of 3,800 workers over-the-month. Despite these over-the-month losses in Motor Vehicle Manufacturing, schools, school bus transportation and public finance, total civilian employment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment were both higher in June 1988 than in May 1988. Likewise June 1988 showed significant improvements over June 1987. The number of unemployed was lower by 8,900 persons while the rate of unemployment was more than a full percentage point below the June 1987 rate of 5.8 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment was 742,300 in June 1988, up by 2,700 from the May 1988 total of 739,600. Within the Nonmanufacturing industries seasonal increases in Services, Construction, State and Local Government and Wholesale Trade accounted for 3,300 new jobs over-the-month. Within the Services industries, recreation services alone added 800 new jobs while health and legal services as well as membership organizations and hotels combined also added 800 new jobs in the Area. Increased activity in building, nonbuilding and the special trade contracting accounted for 900 new jobs over the month in the Construction industry. Wholesale Trade primarily Durable Goods was up by 600 jobs over-the-month. Municipal and other local governments added 1,500 jobs to their payrolls over-the-month. However, overall State and Local Government posted only 700 more jobs in June 1988 than in May. Offsetting these gains was the loss of 900 jobs in local area schools. Similarly within the Services industry, private schools laid off another 900 positions. School bus transportation also accounted for the loss of 400 jobs in Transportation, Communications and Utilities. Elsewhere within the sector, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was up slightly over-the-month while Federal Government fell by 300 primarily in the public finance activities.

Over-the-month overall employment in the Manufacturing Sector was unchanged. Losses within the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries primarily in Motor Vehicle equipment completely offset the jobs gained in the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries. Another 700 more jobs were lost in several area automobile assembly plants. Over-the-last two months more than 2,000 jobs have been lost in the industry. While Durable Goods Manufacturing registered losses, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing, boosted by 300 new jobs added in the Printing and Publishing industry and small scattered job increases in Food, Chemicals and Paper, was up by 700 more jobs.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment was 742,300 in June 1988, up by 7,400 jobs from the June 1987 total of 734,800. Durable Goods Manufacturing was 55,800, down by 1,200 jobs from the June 1987 total of 57,000. Most of the industries within the group showed lower levels in June 1988 compared to June 1987. Recent losses suffered in Primary Metals contributed to that industry's loss of 900 jobs compared to year ago levels. Fabricated Metals, Electronic Equipment and Stone, Clay and Glass were all moderately below the year ago totals. Only Transportation Equipment posted higher levels compared to June 1987.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing was 53,600 in June 1988, up by 1,000 jobs over the June 1987 total of 52,600. Boosted by the continued modest but good performance of the Printing and Publishing industry, which added 400 jobs, pharmaceuticals in the Chemicals industry, which added another 400, and smaller growth in Paper and Allied Products industry, Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industry gains offset most of the losses in the Durable Goods industries for a net loss of only 200 jobs in Manufacturing over the 12-month period.

The Nonmanufacturing employment was 632,900 in June 1988, up by 7,700 from the June 1987 total of 625,200 jobs. The Government sector and Services industries together accounted for approximately 8,800 more jobs over the 12 month period. Although local government posted nearly 2,300 new jobs, area schools, public finance and miscellaneous government also added a substantial part of the 4,500 jobs added to the Government sector over the period. Within the Services industry, business services accounted for 1,600 new jobs, while health services provided another 700, legal services added 500 and personal, recreation and education accounted for the remaining 1,000 of the 4,300 additional jobs in June 1988 compared to June 1987. With the remaining exception of Retail Trade which had a moderate growth of 400 jobs the only other notable changes

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March 1988)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current: June, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	742,300	739,600	734,800	+2,700	+7,500
Total Manufacturing	109,400	109,400	109,600	0	-200
Durable Goods	55,800	56,500	57,000	-700	-1,200
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,100	3,200	3,300	-100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	2,300	2,300	3,200	0	-900
Fabricated Metal Products	8,300	8,300	8,600	0	-300
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,500	17,400	17,800	+100	-300
Transportation Equipment	9,400	10,100	8,900	-700	+500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(9,100)	(9,800)	(8,600)	(-700)	(+500)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	53,600	52,900	52,600	+700	+1,000
Food & Kindred Products	8,600	8,500	8,700	+100	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,800	5,700	5,600	+100	+200
Printing & Publishing	21,100	20,800	20,700	+300	+400
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,100	10,000	9,700	+100	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	600	600	-100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	632,900	630,200	625,200	+2,700	+7,700
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	37,300	36,400	37,900	+900	-600
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	55,700	56,100	56,400	-400	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	192,300	191,800	192,100	+500	+200
Wholesale Trade	(58,900)	(58,300)	(59,100)	(+600)	(-200)
Retail Trade	(133,400)	(133,500)	(133,000)	(-100)	(+400)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,600	58,400	58,600	+200	0
Services	174,200	173,100	169,900	+1,100	+4,300
Government	114,300	113,900	109,800	+400	+4,500
Federal Government	(31,200)	(31,500)	(30,200)	(-300)	(+1,000)
State & Local Government	(83,100)	(82,400)	(82,400)	(+700)	(+3,500)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	50	0	50

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were losses of 600 jobs in the Construction industry and 700 jobs lost in Transportation, communications and Utilities, primarily as a result of adjustments in the airlines industry.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 39,700 in June 1988 for 4.7 percent of the labor force, compared to 35,900 in May 1988 for 4.3 percent of the labor force and 48,600 in June 1987 for 5.8 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Kansas City Area's unemployment rate in July 1988 is expected to rise slightly as the labor market continues to adjust to the previous month's expansion of the available work force. Employment in the seasonal industries, such as Construction, Services and Retail Trade, will continue to rise. Some unsuccessful job seekers will drop out of the labor force. Unemployment is expected to be 4.8 percent of the labor force in July 1988, compared to 4.7 percent in June 1988 and 6.0 percent in July 1987.

The unemployment rate in the Area in August 1988 will continue to rise slightly as more unsuccessful summer job seekers abandon their job search. The Manufacturing sector normally experiences some modest declines at this time while the normal expansion in the Nonmanufacturing industries will begin to taper off slightly. Employment in Services and Retail Trade are expected to show the only notable growth. Unemployment is expected to be 4.9 percent of the labor force compared to 5.6 percent in August 1987.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: **June, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$471.23	$467.49	$448.51	41.3	40.9	40.7	$11.41	$11.43	$11.02
Durable Goods	520.67	509.21	474.97	42.4	41.5	40.7	12.28	12.27	11.67
Lumber & Furniture	312.66	268.87	360.72	37.4	31.3	43.2	8.36	8.59	8.35
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	525.35	504.50	495.97	38.8	39.6	35.3	13.54	12.74	14.05
Primary Metal Industries	402.93	442.49	441.57	35.5	36.6	35.9	11.35	12.09	12.30
Fabricated Metal Products	419.25	411.45	394.00	41.8	40.9	39.4	10.03	10.06	10.00
Machinery Exc. Electrical	459.83	450.26	447.89	44.3	44.1	44.7	10.38	10.21	10.02
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	541.83	533.31	456.15	42.1	41.6	39.7	12.87	12.82	11.49
Transportation Equipment	769.86	747.20	686.43	46.8	45.7	43.5	16.45	16.35	15.78
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(787.98)	(764.06)	(705.18)	(47.1)	(46.0)	(43.8)	(16.73)	(16.61)	(16.10)
Nondurable Goods	416.07	415.20	415.34	40.2	40.0	40.8	10.35	10.38	10.18
Food & Kindred Products	449.44	447.31	434.52	40.6	41.0	42.6	11.07	10.91	10.20
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	214.84	226.01	196.28	36.6	38.9	33.9	5.87	5.81	5.79
Paper & Allied Products	432.19	428.04	425.86	43.7	43.5	42.8	9.89	9.84	9.95
Printing & Publishing	395.51	402.21	417.48	38.7	38.6	39.2	10.22	10.42	10.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	587.38	551.03	552.81	43.0	39.5	43.7	13.66	13.95	12.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	391.55	420.12	437.63	36.8	39.3	37.5	10.64	10.69	11.67

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

June, 1988

Russell Signorino, Analyst

Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 5.7% in May to 6.2% in June. This larger than expected increase occurred after the St. Louis area experienced an unemployment rate below 6.0% during April and May. Unemployment increased 5,500 over the month despite continued manufacturing improvement and seasonal gains in construction, trade and services. The good labor market in the area has apparently caused an increase in job seekers who feel their new job search efforts will be rewarded. The labor force rose 15,900 over the month, a larger than normal June increase. These new job seekers should find employment this summer and the area's unemployment rate should drop below 6.0% again before the end of the summer. Over the year, unemployment declined by 11,200 and total employment rose 10,300. The unemployment rate in June, 1987 was 7.1%. Most non-automobile manufacturing industries continued to report gains. In nonmanufacturing, only railroads, finance and federal government reported small declines. There were 800 labor disputants in June, 900 in

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 1700 over the month. Aircraft employment rose 600, a normal seasonal increase for that industry. Durable goods continues to lead the manufacturing turn-around. Primary metals employment is at its highest point in the past 2½ years. Fabricated metals job totals had not reached the 17,000 level since April, 1986 and nonelectrical machinery has taken 3 years to climb back to 18,400. Over the year, manufacturing declined 800. Motor vehicles, down 6,000, is the major cause of the decline. All other durable goods industries reported improvement. Nondurables continued to register an overall decline.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 2,800 over the month. Seasonal construction gains were well distributed among its various sectors despite a continuing labor dispute. In retail trade, seasonal increases were concentrated in department stores, grocery stores and restaurants. The services industry reported normal early summer gains in hotels and recreation. State and local government employment declined due to the seasonal lay-off of non-teaching personnel in public schools. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 17,700. Services, up 10,000, reported 12 month gains in all sectors except professional sports and religious organizations. Retail trade increases are no longer concentrated in restaurants, reflecting the over saturation of eating and drinking establishments in some parts of the area. Transportation increases continued in trucking and airlines.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in July, 1988 is expected to be 6.0%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Mining	37	20	19	22
Construction	3991	2476	1933	1591
Manufacturing	4843	4260	4645	3544
Public Utilities	560	468	433	676
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2535	2245	2101	1966
Finance	587	543	508	495
Services	5158	4740	4787	5025
All Other	318	203	191	212
TOTAL	18029	14955	14617	13531

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1206	1107	1113	1102
Clerical	1633	1537	1444	1499
Sales	392	308	317	324
Farm, Fish & Forest	139	67	53	55
Processing	160	148	131	120
Machine Trades	872	694	664	567
Bench Work	689	595	643	481
Structural Work	2475	1819	1590	1226
Misc. Work	1447	1140	989	984
Service	1402	1146	1145	1103
INA	7614	6394	6528	6070
TOTAL	18029	14955	14617	13531

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1988 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.1	1.7
Clerical	18.5	13.1
Sales	18.2	23.2
Processing	2.1	3.0
Machine Trades	5.1	5.1
Bench Work	5.7	7.1
Structural Work	7.3	8.0
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.0	3.6
Packaging & Material Handling	8.8	11.9
Domestic	0.7	0.2
Other Services	21.4	19.3
Other Occupations	3.1	3.8
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — **Month and Year of Current:** June, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,146,600	1,142,100	1,130,300	+4,500	+16,300
Percent Change				+(0.4)	+(1.4)
Manufacturing	221,200	219,500	222,600	+1,700	-1,400
Durable Goods	139,600	138,200	140,400	+1,400	-800
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,500	3,400	3,400	+100	+100
Primary Metal Industries	14,500	14,300	14,000	+200	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	17,000	16,900	16,300	+100	+700
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,400	18,200	17,600	+200	+800
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,600	14,600	14,300	0	+300
Transportation Equipment	54,300	53,400	57,900	+900	-3,600
Motor Vehicles	16,200	16,100	22,200	+100	-6,000
Aircraft & Parts	32,100	31,500	29,800	+600	+2,300
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,500	12,600	12,200	-100	+300
Nondurable Goods	81,600	81,300	82,200	+300	-600
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	21,300	22,200	0	-900
Meat Products	800	800	700	0	+100
Beverages	8,600	8,600	8,900	0	-300
Textiles & Apparel	5,800	5,900	5,900	-100	-100
Paper & Paper Products	6,000	5,900	5,900	+100	+100
Printing & Publishing	16,700	16,800	16,700	-100	0
Chemical & Allied Products	18,400	18,200	18,400	+200	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,800	4,700	4,600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,600	+100	+200
Nonmanufacturing	925,400	922,600	907,700	+2,800	+17,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Construction	58,900	57,400	58,500	+1,500	+400
Transportation & Public Utilities	75,000	74,700	73,100	+300	+1,900
Railroads	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,300	41,200	39,300	+100	+2,000
Communications & Public Utilities	28,700	28,500	28,700	+200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	280,100	277,800	277,600	+2,300	+2,500
Wholesale Trade	69,300	68,800	68,300	+500	+1,000
Retail Trade	210,800	209,000	209,300	+1,800	+1,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	74,500	74,000	75,000	+500	-500
Service, Except Domestic	292,900	291,700	282,900	+1,200	+10,000
Total Government	140,500	143,500	137,100	-3,000	+3,400
Total Federal Government	37,100	36,700	37,900	+400	-800
Total State & Local Government	103,400	106,800	99,200	-3,400	+4,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	800	900	200	-100	+600

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: June, 1988

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$485.34	$483.28	$480.05	41.2	41.2	41.1	$11.78	$11.73	$11.68
Durable Goods	508.32	507.87	504.23	41.7	41.8	41.5	12.19	12.15	12.15
Lumber & Furniture	401.10	388.83	382.97	42.0	41.9	42.6	9.55	9.28	8.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	481.43	496.87	466.06	39.3	40.2	41.5	12.25	12.36	11.23
Primary Metal Industries	486.57	471.96	483.23	42.2	41.4	42.5	11.53	11.40	11.37
Fabricated Metal Products	463.68	453.74	477.57	42.0	41.4	42.3	11.04	10.96	11.29
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	506.79	482.72	472.50	44.3	43.1	42.0	11.44	11.20	11.25
Elect & Electronic Equip.	405.37	401.36	377.91	40.7	40.5	38.8	9.96	9.91	9.74
Transportation Equipment	628.42	652.32	619.28	41.7	43.2	41.9	15.07	15.10	14.78
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	336.75	324.94	323.98	37.5	36.8	38.8	8.98	8.83	8.35
Nondurable Goods	440.99	437.89	435.78	40.2	40.1	40.5	10.97	10.92	10.76
Food & Kindred Products	485.86	484.52	496.49	38.9	38.7	41.1	12.49	12.52	12.08
Textiles & Apparel	223.80	227.97	218.40	35.3	35.9	33.6	6.34	6.35	6.50
Paper & Paper Products	488.38	454.52	507.56	45.6	44.3	46.1	10.71	10.26	11.01
Printing & Publishing	414.18	399.00	393.95	38.6	38.0	38.1	10.73	10.50	10.34
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	557.28	579.04	538.89	43.0	43.8	42.6	12.96	13.22	12.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	696.85	699.30	582.91	44.9	45.0	39.6	15.52	15.54	14.72
Leather & Leather Products	230.41	239.20	276.42	36.4	37.2	44.8	6.33	6.43	6.17
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

June, 1988

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The number of unemployed persons in the Springfield MSA increased by 200 from May to an estimated 4,400 in June. This pushed the rate of unemployment up by three-tenths of a percentage point to reach 3.7 percent in June. Continue strength in the economy failed to off-set pressure exerted by students and other entrants to the labor force that tend to swell the ranks of the unemployed during the month of June.

During June 1987, there were 5,700 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.7 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment fell 2,500 from May to 110,500 in June. The manufacturing sector was characterized by stability during the month with total jobs remaining at the May level of 21,400.

Nonmanufacturing jobs were off from 91,600 in May to 89,100 in June. This drop is seasonal in nature and mostly reflects fewer workers in educational institutions after the school term ended.

During the past twelve months, the number of payrolled jobs increased by 5,000. Manufacturing industries accounted for 1,500 of the jump while the nonmanufacturing sector posted an employment gain of 3,500.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from $8.45 in May to $8.57 in June. The average factory work week, estimated at 40.9 hours, is 1.2 hours above May and nine-tenths of an hour higher than in June 1987.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to rise slightly during July. Unemployment is expected to rise slightly as a number of persons not eligible for vacation pay will be temporarily laid-off as plants shut down for vacation.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current: June, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	110,500	113,000	105,500	-2,500	+5,000
Manufacturing	21,400	21,400	19,900	0	+1,500
Durable Goods	11,900	12,000	10,800	-100	+1,100
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	10,900	10,800	9,700	+100	+1,200
Nondurable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,100	+100	+400
Food Processing	3,900	3,800	4,000	+100	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,900	3,900	3,300	0	+600
Nonmanufacturing	89,100	91,600	85,600	-2,500	+3,500
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	5,800	5,600	5,000	+200	+800
Transportation & Utilities	7,200	7,200	6,800	0	+400
Trade	31,600	31,800	30,200	-200	+1,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Services	27,400	28,100	26,300	-700	+1,100
Government	12,200	14,000	12,300	-1,800	-100
Federal	1,900	1,800	1,900	+100	0
State and Local	10,300	12,200	10,400	-1,900	-100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: June, 1988

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$350.51	$336.66	$345.60	40.9	39.7	40.0	$8.57	-$8.48	$8.64
Durable Goods	342.76	329.11	341.38	41.0	39.7	40.4	8.36	8.29	8.45
Nondurable Goods	361.82	349.44	351.05	40.7	39.8	39.4	8.89	8.78	8.91
Food & Kindred Products	359.57	353.73	358.49	39.6	39.0	38.3	9.08	9.07	9.36
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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